

TOWN OF HERNDON

Enriching the Quality of Life and Promoting a Sense of Community



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HERNDON NAMED AMONG “BEST AFFORDABLE SUBURBS IN U.S.” BY *BUSINESS WEEK*

Herndon, VA (December 5, 2006) – The Town of Herndon has been included in *Business Week* Magazine’s newly-released ranking of the “25 Best Affordable Suburbs in the U.S.”

The ranking, compiled by *Business Week* in conjunction with Sperling Best Places and published on BusinessWeek.com, considers communities that offer what the magazine’s editors describe as “the winning combination of affordability, academics, safety and culture that most families dream about but can rarely find – within their budget.”

Herndon was the only suburb of Washington, DC, to be included in the ranking. Other communities include Roswell, GA (Atlanta), Castle Rock, CO (Denver), Sugarland, TX (Houston), Santa Clarita, CA (Los Angeles) and Columbia, MD (Baltimore).

Herndon’s violent crime and secondary school indexes were below and above the national average, respectively. The median home price in Herndon was calculated at \$489,700.

“It’s gratifying to receive this national recognition – but certainly not surprising to those of us who live and work here,” said Herndon Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis. “Our

neighborhoods, our excellent public and private schools, the uniqueness of our downtown area and the friendliness of our people all are a testament to the quality of life here in Herndon.”

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people.

For more information, visit the Town’s website at www.herndon-va.gov.

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